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**United States Patent** [19][11] **Patent Number:** **5,938,087****Randall**[45] **Date of Patent:** **Aug. 17, 1999****[54] SPURT MINIMIZING DISPENSING  
STRUCTURE**[75] **Inventor:** **Jeffrey T. Randall**, Oconomowoc, Wis.[73] **Assignee:** **AptarGroup, Inc.**, Crystal Lake, Ill.[21] **Appl. No.:** **08/877,759**[22] **Filed:** **Jun. 17, 1997**[51] **Int. Cl.<sup>6</sup>** ..... **B65D 47/40**[52] **U.S. Cl.** ..... **222/547; 222/556; 222/568;**  
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A spurt-resistant spout for a dispensing structure includes (1) an internal tubular portion having a through bore connecting a dispensing orifice of the spout with the interior of the container, and (2) a surrounding wall portion surrounding the tubular portion. The tubular portion and the surrounding wall portion are sized and located so that little or no fluid is retained in and across the spout bore so as to prevent, or minimize, obstruction of the bore.

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